

## REMARKS

Claims 143-178 are now pending. Applicant has canceled claims 1-142 and added claims 143-178.

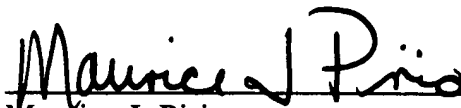
Applicants hereby confirm election of the claims of group I without traverse. The newly added claims are directed to routing content as were the claims of group I.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-40, 50-102, 110-119, 121-130, and 132-141 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ranger reference in view of the Chang reference. Although applicant disagrees, applicant has canceled all the pending claims. The newly added claims more clearly recite the inventive aspects of applicant's technology. For example, claim 143 recites receiving from a destination appliance a notification indicating source data types, "receiving a request other than from the destination appliance to send data to the destination appliance," and sending the data to the destination appliance along with a header that indicates a source data type. Neither the Ranger reference nor the Chang reference teaches or suggests such a combination. This combination allows a source appliance to receive a notification of a destination appliance and send data to that destination appliance without interaction with the destination appliance. The destination appliance can then use the source data type to identify a sequence of routines that can convert the data from the source data type to the destination data type. All the other claims recite various aspects of this inventive concept that are neither taught nor suggested by the Ranger reference or the Chang reference.

Based on the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and its early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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